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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The Hidalgo County Historical Commission (HCHC) exists to advise the county Commissioners Court and assist the Texas Historical Commission in the preservation of our historic and cultural resources in Hidalgo County. The HCHC is responsible for identifying, researching, and reviewing all applications for state historical markers in the county, and for the coordinating marker dedication ceremonies as well as marker maintenance. The HCHC is also responsible for the preservation of countless historic sites, buildings, artifacts, documents, and other pieces of history in Hidalgo County.

Source: Hidalgo County website: https://www.hidalgocounty.us/819/Hidalgo-County-Historical-Commission

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection primarily consists of research, applications, and brochures for Texas historical markers.

CONTAINER LIST

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1991.081.03 a. General

- b. Historic Sites Programc1. Archives Alert General
- c2. Archives Alert Publicity
- c3. Archives Alert Inventory and Storage
- c4. Archives Alert Contributor List
- c₅. Archives Alert Contact Prints
- c6. Archives Alert Log AA Prints
- c7. Archives Alert Computer Project
- d. Oral History Project 1998
- e. Membership
- f. Correspondence, 1988-1990
- g. HCHC General 1997-2000

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1992.078.05	Publications	НСНС
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2021.008.054	Brochure for historical marker dedication for Battle of La Bolsa
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McAllen	
2021.008.064	Brochure for historical marker dedication for Texas Citrus Fiesta
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2021.008.079	Brochure for dedication of Los Caminos del Rio
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2021.008.081	Brochure for historical marker dedication for La Placita McAllen Post Office
2021.008.082	Brochure for historical marker dedication for Hidalgo-Reynosa bridges
2021.008.083	Brochure for historical marker dedication for LaNoria Cardeneña
2021.008.084	Brochure for grand opening and ribbon cutting Hidalgo City Hall
2021.008.085	Program for groundbreaking ceremonies for US281-US83 interchange
2021.008.086	Program for ribbon cutting ceremony for US281-US83 interchange-December 5,
1993	
2021.008.087	Fifth annual Veteran's appreciation day at Mission Historical Museum-November
20, 2004	
2021.008.088	Program for "Pharr/Reynosa International Bridge on the Rise"-November 2,
1995	
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2021.008.090	Brochure for Hidalgo Pumphouse centennial celebration-April 4, 2009
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29, 2003	Deall Planes and Cale alone and
2021.008.092	Buell Elementary School research
2021.008.093	Dedication of the Dr. Alejo Salinas, Jr. Elementary School-March 26, 2000
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2021.008.095	Lucy Wallace research
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2021.008.09/	Kids will be kids by Fermer Miller
2021.008.098	Maintenance of historical markers
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2021.008.100	Sasha's Story (St. George's Orthodox Church)
2021.008.101	Application for historic cemetery designation for Weslaco City Cemetery
2021.008.102	Donna Hooks Fletcher Historical Museum
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2021.008.	111	Commemorative newspaper for San Juan's 75 th anniversary

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2021.008.116	Historical marker-Alamo train-truck collision
2021.008.117	Run Texas historical marker application 2003
2021.008.118	The City of Pharr Texas: Hub City of the Valley by Robert Norton
2021.008.119	Pharr Fire Station by Robert Norton
2021.008.120	Southern Pacific Depot by Hidalgo County Historical Commission
2021.008.121	Old Mercedes City Hall by Hidalgo County Historical Commission
2021.008.122	History of San Juan public library by William Lemen, 2001
2021.008.123	San Juan townsite by Dr. Robert Norton
2021.008.124	Booklet: 50th anniversary of First Baptist Church in San Juan 1938-1988
2021.008.125	History of the San Juan People's Church, 1980
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2021.008.132	List of Hidalgo County Historical Commission oral history interviews
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2021.008.135	First Pharr School by Lloyd Glover and Geraldine Palmer, 1986
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2021.008.137	San Juan Hotel by David Sigle
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2021.008.143	Historical marker for American Legion Hall, Donna
2021.008.144	Historical marker application for American Rio Grande Land and Irrigation
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2021.041.002	Hidalgo County pumphouse planning process guide
2021.041.003	Hidalgo Irrigation Pumphouse: Preserving Hidalgo Heritage
2021.041.004	Los Caminos del Rio guide book Nellie Leo Schunior Junior High School
2021.041.005 2021.041.006	Pan American College Auditorium
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2021.041.007	Pumphouse museum construction documents, diagrams, data
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2021.041.016	Draft of environmental assessment for the loan application report for the Hidalgo
	Co. Irrigation Irrigation District No. 6-June 1992
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2021.041.031	Camp Ebenezer by Betty Fogarty, 1985 Development of Agriculture with Irrigation in the Lower Rio Grande Valley
2021.041.032	El Horcon Tract and Rio Rico
2021.041.033 2021.041.034	Hidalgo County Historical Commission marker dedication checklist
2021.041.034	Hidalgo Pumphouse-2003 National Preservation Honor Award
2021.041.035	Letter to teachers about visits to the Hidalgo Irrigation Pumphouse
2021.041.030	Louisiana-Rio Grande Canal Company
2021.041.037	National Register of Historic Places registration form for Hidalgo Co. Irrigation
2021.041.030	District No. 2 "Old River Pump"
2021.041.039	Notes for pumphouse tours
2021.041.039	Official Texas historical marker guidelines
2021.041.040	Old Flossie
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2021.041.043	Preserving historic cemeteries: Texas preservation guidelines
2021.041.044	Richard Alvis Marsh
2021.041.045	Run, Texas (Old Donna) by Frances W. Isbell-March 17, 2004
2021.041.047	Santa Ana Land Grant
2021.041.047	Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge
2021.041.049	Skaggs-James House
2021.041.049	Thomas Walter Jones, surveyor by Frances W. Isbell-February 1993
2021.041.051	Tom Mayfield
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	2003
2021.041.053	Los Caminos del Rio
2021.041.054	National register of historic places application for pumphouse
2021.041.055	Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge: Continued Archeological and Historic
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